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RE: Ute Ladies' Tresses Survey Report for the Rocky Flats Buffer Zone Areas Containing
Adequate Habitat for the Threatened Orchid in Jefferson County, Colorado

Dear Mr. Hartman:

Based on the authority conferred to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service by the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 et. seq.) the Service received and reviewed the subject survey report prepared by ESCO Associates Inc. for the vicinity of the DOE Rocky Flats Plant. The Service finds the report acceptable and concurs with the results that the threatened species *Spiranthes diluvialis* (Ute ladies' tresses orchid) is not present on the subject areas.

We understand the difficulties in timing and logistics that were posed this year in addressing *Spiranthes* as a threatened species. The Service wishes to express our sincere thanks to you and the cities for your efforts in preserving listed species and enhancing biological diversity. If we can be of further assistance, please contact Bernardo Garza at (303) 231-5280.

Sincerely,

LeRoy W. Carlson
Colorado State Supervisor

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